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WELD, WAMPANOAG TRIBE SIGN AGREEMENT FOR GAMING AND FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT COMPLEX; THOUSANDS OF JOBS FORECAST FOR BRISTOL COUNTY

NEW BEDFORD -- Governor William Weld and the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head today signed a Memorandum of Understanding for a gaming and family entertainment complex in New Bedford that is expected to create 5,000 to 7,000 jobs in Bristol County.

Surrounded by New Bedford community leaders, labor union officials and members of the Wampanoag tribe, Weld said, "This agreement is going to breathe new life into a proud tribe and into a proud region which has suffered greatly during the recession."

"This is great news for New Bedford, Fall River, and all of Bristol County," said Lt. Governor Cellucci. "This agreement will bring jobs and tourists to Southeastern Massachusetts just when the region most needs a shot of economic life."

New Bedford Mayor Rosemary S. Tierney said, "This is a historic day for New Bedford. There has been overwhelming support for this project at the local level."

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site and acquire the necessary federal approvals. Once these federal approvals are obtained, Weld said he will submit the agreement to the Legislature for approval or rejection in its entirety.

Weld added: "If this entertainment facility on newly-acquired tribal land in New Bedford isn't eventually approved, the result will be the establishment of a casino on Martha's Vineyard, where the Tribe has the right to set it up on their land under IGRA. This would be a lower-grossing casino with many fewer jobs and would fail to provide any economic stimulus to Southeastern Massachusetts."

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Wampanoag Entertainment Complex
Local Community Revenue Sharing

	Casino Gross Revenues (in millions)						
	$200	$250	$300	$350	$375	$400	$450
Acushnet	$84,000	$114,000	$144,000	$174,000	$189,000	$204,000	$234,000
Attleboro	$317,333	$430,667	$544,000	$657,333	$714,000	$770,667	$884,000
Berkley	$32,667	$44,333	$56,000	$67,667	$73,500	$79,333	$91,000
Dartmouth	$149,333	$202,667	$256,000	$309,333	$336,000	$362,667	$416,000
Dighton	$42,000	$57,000	$72,000	$87,000	$94,500	$102,000	$117,000
Easton	$144,667	$196,333	$248,000	$299,667	$325,500	$351,333	$403,000
Fairhaven	$112,000	$152,000	$192,000	$232,000	$252,000	$272,000	$312,000
Fall River	$1,166,667	$1,583,333	$2,000,000	$2,416,667	$2,625,000	$2,833,333	$3,250,000
Freetown	$60,667	$82,333	$104,000	$125,667	$136,500	$147,333	$169,000
Mansfield	$98,000	$133,000	$168,000	$203,000	$220,500	$238,000	$273,000
New Bedford	$1,236,667	$1,678,333	$2,120,000	$2,561,667	$2,782,500	$3,003,333	$3,445,000
North Attleborough	$177,333	$240,667	$304,000	$367,333	$399,000	$430,667	$494,000
Norton	$126,000	$171,000	$216,000	$261,000	$283,500	$306,000	$351,000
Raynham	$60,667	$82,333	$104,000	$125,667	$136,500	$147,333	$169,000
Rehoboth	$56,000	$76,000	$96,000	$116,000	$126,000	$136,000	$156,000
Seekonk	$65,333	$88,667	$112,000	$135,333	$147,000	$158,667	$182,000
Somerset	$88,667	$120,333	$152,000	$183,667	$199,500	$215,333	$247,000
Swansea	$98,000	$133,000	$168,000	$203,000	$220,500	$238,000	$273,000
Taunton	$490,000	$665,000	$840,000	$1,015,000	$1,102,500	$1,190,000	$1,365,000
Westport	$65,333	$88,667	$112,000	$135,333	$147,000	$158,667	$182,000